

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 92

Introduced by Assembly Member Hall

February 5, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 92—Relative to the Wilmington Marquee.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 92, as introduced, Hall. Wilmington Marquee.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation to issue an encroachment permit to enable the placement of a suitable monument, referred to as the Wilmington Marquee, at a specified location on State Highway Route 1 in the community of Wilmington in the City of Los Angeles, with design and placement of the monument to be consistent with the standards of the department and funding to be from nonstate funds.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Wilmington-Harbor City Community in the
- 2 City of Los Angeles includes the historic neighborhoods of
- 3 Wilmington and Harbor City; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Wilmington was an incorporated city prior to its
- 5 consolidation into the City of Los Angeles in 1909; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Wilmington-Harbor City is located on land that
- 7 once belonged to Rancho San Pedro, which was granted to Juan
- 8 Jose Dominguez in 1784, and Wilmington was once known as
- 9 New San Pedro; and
- 10 WHEREAS, William Sanford, John Downey, and Benjamin
- 11 Wilson purchased the land upon which Wilmington was later

1 developed from a descendent of the original owner, Manuel
2 Dominguez; and

3 WHEREAS, A wharf was developed at the foot of what is now
4 Avalon Boulevard by Phineas Banning, who arrived in California
5 in 1851 and contributed greatly toward Wilmington's development;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The wharf and associated warehouses were opened
8 in 1858 and functioned as a sheltered location at which to receive
9 cargo; and

10 WHEREAS, The name of the town of New San Pedro was
11 changed to Wilmington in 1863 to honor Mr. Banning's hometown
12 of Wilmington, Delaware; and

13 WHEREAS, Harry Bridges Boulevard in Wilmington is named
14 after Australian longshoreman Harry Bridges, who eventually
15 became a union leader, established the International
16 Longshoreman's and Warehousemen's Union in 1937, and was
17 involved with what became known as the Big Strike that began in
18 San Francisco in 1934 and halted work at ports along the Pacific
19 Coast; and

20 WHEREAS, The Big Strike ended up being a victory for labor
21 unions and brought increased wages and improved working
22 conditions for the workers; and

23 WHEREAS, By the 1950s, Wilmington became known for its
24 influential labor unions, with local headquarters for the
25 International Longshoreman's and Warehousemen's Union and
26 the International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots located
27 in the area; and

28 WHEREAS, It is desirable to recognize the history of the
29 community of Wilmington and its location through development
30 of the Wilmington Marquee, pursuant to the concept plans of
31 October 19, 2012, as they may be revised, which marquee would
32 be a monument stating "Welcome to Wilmington," to be located
33 at 1345 West Pacific Coast Highway, on State Highway Route 1
34 near its intersection with State Highway Route 110; now therefore,
35 be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Department of Transportation is
38 hereby requested to issue an encroachment permit to an appropriate
39 party to enable the placement of a suitable monument pursuant to
40 the concept plans for the Wilmington Marquee at 1345 West Pacific

1 Coast Highway (State Highway Route 1) in the community of
2 Wilmington in the City of Los Angeles; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the design and placement of the monument shall
4 be consistent with the standards of the Department of
5 Transportation and funding of the monument shall be from nonstate
6 funds; and be it further
7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
9 for appropriate distribution.

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